AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Listing of the claims:

Following is a listing of all claims in the present application, which listing supersedes all previously presented claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for making a legal backup of ~~recording and reading information data using~~ a first recording medium ~~and~~ using a second recording medium each having its own identification data, said method comprising ~~the steps of~~:

each recording medium has identification data in a fixed area of the recording medium that cannot be altered unless the recording medium is destroyed;

mutual confirmation is performed between the first recording medium and the second recording medium to confirm whether these recording mediums are formally registered, an encrypted information data is read out from the first recording medium or the second recording medium if the mutual confirmation shows that the first and second recording mediums are formally registered;

reading first encrypted information data encrypted in accordance with an identification data of the first recording medium and recorded in said first recording medium;

encrypting the first encrypted information data in accordance with an identification data of the second recording medium, wherein the identification data of the second recording medium is different from the identification data of the first recording medium so as to produce second encrypted information data;

recording the second encrypted information data in the second recording medium;

when the first encrypted information recorded in the first recording medium is damaged, reading the second encrypted information data from the second recording medium and decoding the second encrypted information data in accordance with the identification data of the second recording medium; and

~~restoring the second encrypted information data into the first encrypted information data and recording the information data in the first recording medium,~~

wherein the second encrypted information data is decoded in accordance with the identification information data of the second recording medium so as to be restored into the first encrypted information data without being again encrypted in accordance with the identification data of the first recording medium

whereby the second encrypted information data recorded in the second recording medium is different from the first encrypted information data recorded in the first recording medium.

2-6. (Canceled).

7. (New) A system for making a legal backup of a first recording medium using a second recording medium, said system comprising:

each recording medium has identification data in a fixed area of the recording medium that can not be altered unless the recording medium is destroyed;

confirmation means for performing a mutual conformation between the first recording medium and the second recording medium to confirm whether these recording mediums are formally registered;

allowance means allowing an encrypted information to be read from the first recording medium or the second recording medium if said mutual conformation shows that the first and second recording mediums are formally registered;

first reading means which, when an allowance is issued from the allowance means, reads out first encrypted information encrypted in accordance with identification data of the first recording medium and stored in the first recording medium;

encryption means for encrypting the first encrypted information which has been read out, in accordance with identification data of the second recording medium different from the identification data of the first recording medium, thereby generating second encrypted information different from the first encrypted information;

first recording means for recording the second encrypted information in the second recording medium;

second reading means for reading out the second encrypted information recorded in the second recording medium, when the first encrypted information recorded in the first recording medium has been damaged;

decoding means for decoding the read—out second encrypted information in accordance with the identification data recorded in the second recording medium; and

second recording means for recording, in the first recording medium, the first encrypted information restored by decoding the second encrypted information without

being again encrypted in accordance with the identification data recorded in the first recording medium.